Preparation of Annual Budget

†52. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have been taken into confidence while preparing annual budget for the year 2005-06 and if so, how much it has helped the Central Government in the preparation of budget; and

(b) whether Government would consider the local requirements of States while completing the budget making process and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The annual plans of State Governments are finalized by the Planning Commission after detailed discussions with the State Governments. The Finance Ministry in consultation with the Planning Commission finalizes the budgetary support for the Annual Plan, which is included in the Budget.

Non Utilisation of Budget Allocations

†53. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Ministries that have not utilised the prescribed budget allocations for the year 2004-05;

(b) the names of such Ministries along with the details of budget amount not spent by them; and

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any penal action against such Ministries and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Ministries/Departments may incur expenditure against their budgetary allocations for 2004-05 till 31.03.2005. Information regarding actual expenditure for the year and shortfalls, if any, against the budget will be known only after the close of the financial year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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